by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal on March 26, 1989, His Majesty's Government of Nepal had proposed an arrangement close to most favoured nation treatment in regard to Indo-Nepal trade and commerce. However, special arrangements for border trade and for trade in primary products had also been proposed. Since then HMGN spokesman and leaders have repeatedly stated that Nepal wanted trade with India for the future only on MFN basis.

(c) In the letter of June 16, 1989, the Government seeks a frank and candid dialogue with His Majesty's Government of Nepal on all relevant aspects of bilateral relations with a view to resolving all the pending issues between the two sides. Given a positive attitude on the part of HMGN, there is no reason why a mutually acceptable arrangement cannot be worked out on all these issues.

Indian Defence Personnel in Pakistani Jails

*27. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 133 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd May 1989 and state:

(a) whether, at India's request, Pakistan undertook to conduct a fresh enquiry into the question of about 54 Indian missing defence personnel of the 1971 Indo-Pak conflict, who were believed to be languishing in Pakistani jails; if so, the progress made so far in this regard;

(b) whether a list of the missing personnel alongwith their available whereabouts was forwarded to Pakistan; if so, what was the response of Pakistan Government thereto; and

(c) whether all available information about these persons including radio broadcasts of BBC, news-items published in Pakistani and other newspapers, Statements of released/now-out-of-jail co-prisoners and letters from Pakistani jails has been made available to Pakistan; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir, we were informed by Government of Pakistan that after another search conducted subsequent to the meeting of the two Prime Ministers they still did not find any Indian missing defence personnel in their custody. It was, however, agreed that another search would be done starting with the records of Kot Lakhpat Jail of that period.

(b) Yes, Sir, Pakistan Government has informed us that they undertook the search based on evidence provided by us.

(c) Yes, Sir, evidence available from radio broadcasts, magazine articles, private correspondence were furnished to the Government of Pakistan.

मध्य प्रदेश में सिरोंज-लटेरी मकसूदनगढ़ को जोड़ने के लिये नई रेलवे लाईन

*28. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार मध्य प्रदेश के सिरोंज-गढ़-लटेरी मकसूदन के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों को "ग बासौदा" रेलवे स्टेशन से जोड़ने के लिए निकट भविष्य में एक नई रेलवे लाइन बिछाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस क्षेत्र का सर्वेक्षण कार्य कब तक आरम्भ किए जाने की संभावना है ; यदि नहीं, तो उसका क्या कारण है ; और